

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-16, and 18-20 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 5, 11, and 17 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

By the instant amendment, now independent Claims 2, 3, 6, 18, 19, and 20 have been amended to take into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-16, and 18-20 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants believe is their invention.

Turning now to the art rejections, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Janssen; and Claims 5, 11, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Caruso in view of Rivoir and Janssen.

The cancellation of Claims 1, 5, 11, and 17 obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 6-10, 12-16, and 18-20 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims would be allowable.

By the instant amendment, Claims 2, 6, 18, 19, and 20 have been placed in independent form.

Since no art has been applied to Claims 2-4, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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